

BENEFIT TO PROVIDE RELIEF FOR FRENCH

Well Known Artists to Appear at Shubert Theatre Tuesday Afternoon.

BIG INCREASES IN FUNDS

The Shubert Theatre will be the scene of the Secours National benefit Tuesday afternoon. The proceeds of the performance, which will be one of the most interesting in New York, will go to the relief of the women and children of France.

Among the artists who have volunteered to appear on the long programme are William Paversham and Phyllis Neilson-Terry, who will act the balcony scene from "Romeo and Juliet"; Julia Arthur, who with Ernest Glenningham, Edmund Brees, William Harris and Mathilde Cortelyou will act Thomas Bailey Aldrich's "Mercedes"; Virginia Brooks and Leslie Faber, who will act St. John Hankins' "The Instant Lover"; and Holbrook Dunn with his Dr. Derburg. The Princess Theatre, who will give George Ade's "Nettie." Other well known actors will appear.

The Cort Theatre will be open Tuesday afternoon for a special matinee in aid of the White Cross. This society seeks to help the needy in this country through the efforts of the war in Europe. "Heart Throbs," a musical comedy extravaganza in two acts and four scenes, by J. G. Seville, will be produced under the direction of Alfred Robyn.

Increases in Funds.

The Belgian Relief Fund received \$1214 yesterday, making its total \$652,730.41. The Committee of Mercy Fund now totals \$60,355.35 as a result of additional contributions of \$1,168.59, including \$2,500 from Louis Sherry of this city. Contributions to the New York State Board of the American Red Cross amounted to \$1,517.44, of which \$970.72 came through Dr. Derburg. The fund's total is \$100,930.21. The American Ambulance Hospital Fund received \$4,280, of which \$4,200 was received from the New Haven committee through Mrs. Whitney Blake.

Postmaster-General Burleson has notified the American Commission for Relief in Belgium, 71 Broadway, that contributions for the relief of Belgian sufferers may be sent parcel post packages at the expense of the commission.

The commission announced yesterday that this arrangement will be of great assistance to those who are in doubt how to send small donations. It is now only necessary to post packages of clothing or food of over twenty pounds, addressing them to the nearest charity committee. The committees will then assemble the box and get them to the ports where ships await them.

The commission has heretofore limited its activities to furnishing ships and railroad charges. It will now undertake to refund parcel post payments to individuals who contribute.

Helped by Miners
The women's section of the commission announced yesterday that in one mining district in the Cour d'Alene region of Idaho \$4,000 has been collected. The food purchased with this money will be shipped from Portland, Ore. It also was announced that in Louisiana a chain letter brought in \$2,300 in eleven days. In several cities in Alabama at an appointed hour committees of women started to make collections for war relief to the accompaniment of church bells and factory whistles. In one small city \$1,000 was raised in this manner.

The story of the "biggest" donation received so far for Belgian relief was told yesterday. A scrubwoman earning \$1.75 a day heard one of the workers tell of Belgium's need at a church and later sent the Belgian fund \$10.

Art sale for War Victims Will Open on Monday.

An art exhibition and sale will open Monday in Clarke's Art Rooms, 5 West Forty-fourth street, for the benefit of the families of French and Belgian artists. It will have the patronage of his Excellency the Belgian Minister, the Consul-General of Belgium, Eugene Releux, Governor-elect Charles S. Whitman, Charles S. Sherrill, Col. William Jay, Dr. Robert Archibald, H. H. Montgomery, Platon, Thatchers M. Adams and Victor Morawetz.

Many prominent artists have given of their best to the exhibition, and a number of works by the old masters have been contributed by art dealers. The auction of the works of art will take place in the ballroom of the Hotel Plaza Saturday, December 19, at 8:30 P. M.

On Monday the following women will receive and pour tea: Mrs. Richard Aldrich, Mrs. Nicholas Murray Butler, Mrs. Duncan Candler, Mrs. Kenneth Frazier, Mrs. John Henry Hammond, Mrs. Arthur Twiss, Mrs. William Twiss, Mrs. William Jay, Mrs. Oliver Gould Jennings, Mrs. Fairfield Osborne, Mrs. Joseph Pulitzer, Mrs. William O'Dwyer Partridge, Mrs. Francis Rogers, Mrs. John S. Rogers, Mrs. Herbert L. Satterlee and Mrs. Charles S. Sherrill.

The admission charge on the opening day will be \$2, but during the rest of the week the exhibition will be free. Delinquent will contribute the tea for the opening reception and thereby will provide the floral decorations.

Authors' Sale of Books Nets Nearly \$1,100.

Nearly \$1,100 will be turned over for the relief of Belgian women and children as a result of the authors' exhibition and sale of autograph books in the Plaza Hotel yesterday. The sale continued from 11 A. M. until late in the afternoon, when between the dance of a dais and many of the remaining books were auctioned off.

John Kendrick Bangs, Ellis Parker Butler, Ivan Cobb, James Montgomery Flagg, Rupert Hughes and Wallace Irwin each took his turn on the block.

Of all the gifts the most in demand were the eighteen volumes bearing French descriptions and autographs from the pen of Maurice Maeterlinck. On the flyleaf of one was written "In memory of the great heroic act of August second, 1914," and another "Do not forget what we owe to those who first dared stand in the way of the hordes of Attila." Arnold Bennett's and James Barrie's books were also taken rapidly, and a number of orders were received for some of Rudyard Kipling which had not arrived.

The sale included books and autographs from Anthony Hope, H. G. Wells, Mrs. Scholier, William de Morgan, Mrs. Humphry Ward, Margaret Deland, Jean

Webster, Alice Hegan Rice, Edith Wharton, Mary Roberts Rinehart, Basil King, William Dean Howells, Rex Beach, Jack London, Dean Van Dyke, Thomas Dixon, Frederick Palmer, Frances Hodgson Burnett, Mary Raymond Shipman Andrews, Edward Harding Davis and John Luther Long.

Splitter From Lance That Wounded Kreisler Adds \$400 to Fund.

Four hundred dollars for one splitter was paid last night by a patron of the German, Austrian and Hungarian War Relief Bazaar in the Seventy-first Regiment Armory.

The splitter is mounted in gold, but that counted for little. The splitter is part of the Cossack lance which nearly deprived the musical world of Fritz Kreisler, the Austrian violinist, who was wounded in Galicia while serving as an Austrian soldier. The splitter that brought \$400 last night was removed from his leg in the hospital. Other war relics that Mr. Kreisler brought to America added almost \$2,000 to the fund for the widows and orphans of Austrian and German soldiers.

Appassador Dr. Dumba was the guest of honor last night and he praised the Hungarians for their loyalty to the empire. His speech was translated into Hungarian by Prince Hohenlohe, an attaché of the Embassy, and was cheered for ten minutes.

Last night's receipts are figured at \$20,000. To-night will be Austrians' night and the Ambassador and his entire staff will be present again. Tomorrow evening will be the turn of the Turkish Consul-General also will be present.

STUDIO BENEFIT ENDS.

Mrs. Whitney's Auction Means More Than \$5,000 for Relief.

The sale of paintings and sculpture in the studio of Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney West Eighth street that were contributed by prominent American artists for the benefit of the fund to be distributed by the Committee of Mercy in aid of sufferers in the war came to an end yesterday.

All the pictures and sculptures were disposed of by auction and more than \$5,000 will be turned over to the committee as a result.

The different works of art went to the following purchasers: Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney's bronze "A Spanish Head" to Mrs. McCready of Exmore, Va.; Cecelia Beaux's "Shawl Costume" and Sorolla's "The Beach" both to Mrs. Frederick W. Vanderbilt; Janet Scudder's bronze "Lady of the Sea" to H. W. Sage; J. Alden Weir's water color "The Country Church" to Mrs. W. H. Hearst; Robert Chanler's "Cookoo" to Mrs. T. Gordon Douglas; Maxima Hoffman's bronze "Dancing Girl" to Mrs. Harold Pratt; Prince Paul Troubetzkoy's bronze "Lady Constance" to Mrs. J. Clarke; Howard Cushing's "Plover Study" to Mrs. J. Sear de Barclay; Ernest Lawson's landscape to Mrs. Herbert Scheffé; Robert Henri's "Monterea" to Mrs. Andriana; Mr. Frazer's "Awakening" to Mrs. Rosalie Bloodgood; J. W. Alexander's "Alice" to P. L. Foster; Gutzon Borglum's bronze "Ruskin" to G. T. Guerd and D. C. French's "Lincoln" to Mrs. W. Simonds.

There will be a second benefit art exhibition in the studio from December 17 to December 24. It will be managed by Mrs. Harry Payne Whitney and will be called a "50-50 Christmas sale," as half the proceeds of the sale of pictures will go to the American Ambulance Hospital in Paris and half to the contributing artists.

Plymouth Church Has 2,458 Members

Plymouth Church in Brooklyn has now a membership of 2,458, an increase of thirty in the past year. This is regarded as a good showing in view of the frequent removals from the downtown section of the borough. More than one-third of the regular attendants live from two to five miles from the church.

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Free Bread Depot to Begin Work for Needy

A Loaf to Each Who Asks at 9 First Street at 2 o'Clock Next Tuesday—Urgent Necessity for Charity Shown.

Messrs. Rags, Tatters and Torn may all perk up, for there will be opened at 2 o'clock on Tuesday afternoon a store at 9 First street, just around the corner from the Bowery, where a loaf of bread may be had for the asking.

There are probably a good many citizens of Hunger Row, which in a general sort of way may be described as all that part of New York where food and work are scarce, and poverty, privation and dire want are plentiful, who will recall with pleasure the fact that last year from March 9 until April 23 The Sun distributed free bread to all who wanted it.

So it is fair to assume, and it is certainly hoped, that the opening on Tuesday of another free bread depot will bring some joy to the hearts of the many thousands of destitute men, women and children in this city whose stomachs are pinched and whose strength is lessened

through the ill fortune which is by no means always a fault of their own.

That there are many thousands of such persons in New York at present is not a matter of doubt. For the last several weeks reports have been coming to The Sun in constantly increasing numbers of whole families found without a penny to their name, of aged men who have dropped in the streets from want of food, of sickened women, lacking the bare necessities of life and of generally terrible conditions among the poor.

Last year a New York merchant, Robert Kamber, reading the perennial story of Manhattan's poor and their sufferings, decided that he would do what he could toward relieving some of the unfortunates.

He wrote out his check for \$1,000 and sent it to The Sun asking that bread be bought and given to the needy.

Bread was bought, and it was given to the needy. Before long readers of The Sun, learning of Mr. Kamber's generosity, began to send in their own checks that the work might be continued. Money

came in sufficient quantities not only to make possible the continuance of the free bread depot until milder weather, but to leave a balance toward this year's work.

It is with this balance, \$576, that the free bread depot is undertaking again to give bread away. If the needy come in about the same numbers as last year the \$576 will last for three or four weeks.

Any readers who wish to contribute to the free bread fund may do so. The Sun is not soliciting money for this work, it is simply acting as a distributing agent for those who have already given money and for the others, who, it is felt will desire to give in the future.

Before deciding to reopen the free bread depot at this time a careful inquiry was made regarding present conditions in the congested parts of town. Evidence of an immediate need for such charity was found at every turn. If such an institution was needed last year it is doubly needed this year.

"I have never in my life known of so much want, and so much deserving want, as there is this winter," said James King, for fifteen years manager of the Bowery Mission. "Our own bread line always begins on Thanksgiving morning. Last year we had 1,000 men in line on the first day. This year we had 1,000. And since Thanksgiving we have been feeding a constantly increasing number."

Last winter The Sun's free bread depot gave a loaf of bread to every one, man or woman, who asked for it. It is an interesting fact, and as Mr. Hunt says one which establishes the worthiness of the charity, that 75 per cent. of the loaves given away went to women whose homes were practically destitute of food.

This winter Mr. Hunt's investigators have found more poverty among families than ever before. He said yesterday that there are many of these families who have already stripped their

rooms of nearly every article of furniture to buy food.

Supt. Whiting of the Municipal Lodging House reports similar conditions.

Aged Woman, Found Starving With Husband, Missing.

A general alarm was sent out last night for Mrs. Mary Vago, 61 years old, who with her husband, John, 69, was found starving in a room at 242 West Sixtieth street Friday morning.

The old people were taken to Bellevue, where the man, a carpenter by trade, was found to be in such serious condition from long privation that he was made a patient. Mrs. Vago was urged to remain in the hospital as well, but declined, saying that she couldn't accept charity.

After she had gone the authorities located a son, James Burke of 450 West Fifty-fifth street, and notified him of his mother's need. Burke set out to find her, but failed. She did not return to her room in West Sixtieth street. He is her son by a former marriage.

KING LAUDS AMERICANS.

Are Saving Belgium From Famine, Albert Tells Committee.

LONDON, Dec. 12.—Replying to a message from the American Relief Committee congratulating him upon his birthday, King Albert of Belgium to-day commended the committee for its work in aiding his countrymen.

"I congratulate you on your generous and enlightened initiative," the King's message read. "Your work should save Belgium from famine and the King desires that you know he is grateful."

SALVATION POTS BOIL WELL.

Army's Collections Now 15 Per Cent. Ahead of Those of Last Year.

Collections for the Salvation Army's Christmas effort were 15 per cent. in excess of money raised for the same purpose in the corresponding period of last year, according to Col. E. J. Parker, who is managing the campaign. This applies to collections gathered at the street corners by young women with kettles. The young women began their work last Wednesday morning.

It was planned originally to give 25,000 Christmas dinners to the poor of Manhattan and The Bronx and about 15,000 more to those of Brooklyn and other parts of New York. But Col. Parker said if the "pots continue to boil" — as well as they have started these figures will be revised and provision made for many more.

Ball in Aid of New York Charities.

Under the auspices of the Association for the Improvement of the Condition of the Poor a ball will be given in the Cascade ballroom of the Biltmore on the night of January 22, the proceeds of which will be divided among local charities. Among those who are actively interested in the arrangements for the ball are Mrs. Algernon S. Sullivan, Mrs. Thomas T. Gaunt, Mrs. J. Allen Townsend, Mrs. Lindsey Tappin and Mrs. Alexander M. Thackara, Jr. Tickets at \$5 each, including supper, will be on sale later at the Biltmore.

Queen Wilhelmina Given \$40,000.

By Central News.

AMSTERDAM, Dec. 12.—Queen Wilhelmina has given 100,000 guilders (\$40,000) to the national relief funds.

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Holiday Gifts at Special Prices

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Emb'd Madeira Handkerchiefs <i>For Women and Misses</i> Richly embroidered corners, embroidered scalloped edge. Box of four .90 Value \$1.25	16-Button Glace Gloves <i>For Women and Misses</i> 16-button length gloves in white, beaver, sand, tan or brown; overseam sewn. 1.75 Regular Price \$2.50	Women's Silk Umbrellas <i>Tight Roll</i> Mission carved handles, Sterling trimming; also other styles of handles. 1.95 Value \$3.50
Hand Emb'd Handkerchiefs <i>For Women and Misses</i> Of sheer linen, colored or white, richly embroidered, hand drawn hem. Box of three 1.40 Value \$2.00	Real French Kid Gloves <i>For Women and Misses</i> Two clasp pique sewn, imperial point emb'd back; white, pearl, sand, tan, brown or gray. 1.35 Regular Price \$2.00	Men's Silk Umbrellas <i>Tight Roll</i> Prince of Wales handle, Sterling trimming; also other styles of handles. 2.25 Value \$4.50
Women's Silk Hose <i>Pure Thread Silk Hose</i> Black, white, sand, fawn, beige, taupe, brown, bronze and all colors; also embroidered silk hose. Value \$1.35 .85 3 pair for \$2.50	Hand Emb'd Clox Silk Hose <i>For Women and Misses</i> Black, white, taupe or bronze, with self or contrasting clox; also black emb'd silk hose. Heretofore \$2.00 1.25 3 pair for \$3.65	English Ivory Toilet Sets <i>Three Piece Set</i> Stiff bristle, concave hair brush, straight handle mirror and comb. 3.50 value \$5.00

Greatly Reduced Prices Monday

Women's Suits and Gowns	Women's Fur Collar Coats	Misses' and Girls' Coats
Women's Fur Trimmed Suits Of velour de laine, broadcloth, gabardine or serge; also velveteen or velveteen coats with broadcloth skirts; fur trimmings. Heretofore \$39.50 to \$59.50 29.50	Women's Fur Collar Coats Semi-belted hare model of wool plush in brown, green, navy, mole or black; silk lined throughout, collar of skunk opossum. Heretofore \$29.50 19.75	Misses' Fur Collar Coats Of imported wool velour, in green, blue, brown or black; large collar of skunk opossum; belted front, silk lined throughout. 14 to 20 years. Heretofore \$29.50 10.75
Women's Chiffon Velvet Suits Fur trimmed models of chiffon velvet in black, navy, brown or green. Heretofore \$59.50 to \$89.50 45.00	Women's Broadcloth Coats In putty, rose, navy, green, brown or black; silk lined, collar and cuffs skunk opossum trimmed. Heretofore \$29.50 22.50	Misses' Fur Trimmed Coats Of plush velvet broadcloth, chinchilla, wool plush or silk velour; collar of rich furs. 14 to 20 years. Value \$39.50 29.50
Women's Velvet Gowns Afternoon Gowns of chiffon velvet or velveteen in black, brown, navy or green. Heretofore \$39.50 to \$49.50 29.50	Women's Seal Plush Coats High belted front, button to neck hare model, of seal plush, satin lined, collar of skunk opossum. Heretofore \$39.50 29.50	Girls' Fur Trimmed Coats Of broadcloth, Russian model, trimmed with skunk opossum fur; silk lined, interlined. 6 to 14 years. Heretofore \$19.75 14.50

Sale of Women's Silk and Swiss Ribbed Underwear

"Parfait" Glove Silk Vests In white, pink or blue, French hand top; fully reinforced. Value \$2.00 1.25	Glove Silk Combinations In white, pink or blue; French hand top; fully reinforced. Value \$3.75 2.65	Swiss Ribbed Vests Of fine silk lisle, wide hand crochet top. Value \$1.00 .55
"Parfait" Glove Silk Knickers In black, white, pink, blue, cerise or green; reinforced. Value \$2.45 1.75	Silk and Wool Combinations Low neck, no sleeves, knee or ankle length. Value \$2.50 1.45	Swiss Ribbed Combinations Of lisle thread, hand crochet top, lace or tight knee. Value \$1.00 .65

Sale of Women's Boudoir Gowns and Crepe de Chine Underwear

Corduroy Velvet Boudoir Gowns In wild cherry, rose, delft, light blue, pink or wistaria, silk lined. Value \$12.75 9.75	Crepe de Chine Gowns In pink or white; V front and round back; hemstitched neck and sleeves. Value \$4.95 3.45	Envelope Chemises Pink or white; hemstitched band and shoulder straps of crepe de chine. Value \$2.95 1.95
Fur Trim'd Velveteen Negligees In cerise, copen, blue, mauve or white, silk lined, moulton fur trimmed. Value \$16.50 11.50	Crepe de Chine Night Gowns In pink or white, buttonhole eyelets, with ribbon; lace edge. Value \$6.95 4.95	Crepe de Chine Bodices In pink or white, insertions of shadow lace. Value \$2.45 1.45
Silk Matelasse Boudoir Gowns In pink, blue, rose, lavender, wistaria or copen, hand scalloped, silk lined. Value \$21.50 14.50	Crepe de Chine Petticoats In pink or white, flounce or shadow lace, clusters of chiffon roses. Value \$4.95 3.95	Crepe de Chine Knickers Of silk crepe de chine in pink, white or black; reinforced. Value \$2.95 1.95

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